the operation, has been capable of retaining her urine, and is now perfectly well.

The operation was performed on the 7th inſtant.

Hatton Garden, May 28, 1752.

LXXX. *An Account of a* Water-Spout, *rais'd off the Land, in* Deeping-Fen, Lincolnſhire; *by the Rev. Mr.* Benjamin Ray, *of* Cowbit *near* Spalding *in that County; communicated to the Society at* Spalding, *on the* 7 *of* May 1752, *by* Maurice Johnſon, *Eſq; and by him to the* Royal Society.

Read May 28, 1752. IN the year 1752, on the 5 of May, a very uncommon phænomenon appear'd about 7 in the evening, in Deeping-Fen, which, from its effects, I take to be a water-ſpout, broken from the clouds; nor can it admit, in my opinion, of any other ſolution.

A watry ſubſtance, as it ſeemed to me, was ſeen moving upon the ſurface of the earth and water, in Deeping-Fen. It marched along with ſuch violence and rapidity, that it carried every thing before it; ſuch as graſs, ſtraw, and ſtubble; and in its going over the country bank, it raiſed the duſt to a great height; and when it arrived in the waſh, in the midſt of the water, and juſt over againſt where I live, then it was, that I firſt ſaw it; and here it was, that it ſtood ſtill for ſome minutes. How dreadful

was

was it to behold this moving phænomenon, now fix'd! to ſee, as it were, a law of nature inverted! for this watry ſubſtance ſpouted out water from its own ſurface, to a conſiderable height, and all the time attended with a terrible noiſe, ſo as all the beaſts and ſheep ran from it, greatly frighted.

Upon its ſecond route, it proceeded in a ſide-line into the river, breaking in its paſſage a fiſhing-net, and there it moved along, till it came to the church, where it ſtood again ſome little while, and then made its next paſſage thro' the ſpace, that is between the church and the parſonage-houſe, towards Weſton hills and Moulton chapel. In its way to theſe places, it tore up a field of turnips, broke a gate off the hinges, and another gate it broke to pieces. Thoſe, who ſaw it evaporate, affirm it aſcended into the clouds in a long ſpearing vapour, and at laſt ended in a fiery ſtream. There was a miſt, like ſmoke, frequently round it. Three more were ſeen at the ſame time in different places.

P. S. When this was read to the Society at Spalding, ſeveral of the members preſent atteſted, that they themſelves ſaw this phænomenon in moſt circumſtances the ſame as here deſcribed; excepting only the laſt of a fiery ſtream.

But to ſome other people, who gave accounts of it to them, it did ſo appear.